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23660-00611

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3763

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This is a request for a ☐ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 /108,189
filed on July 1, 1998, entitled INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL
PROCEDURE

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14835 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.106 in the prior nonprovisional application.
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3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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6. ☒ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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a. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.b. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ **800.00** is enclosed.9. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.11. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____*[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]*12. a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)b. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)13. ☒ Other: **Request for Extension of Time (3 Months)****NOTE:****The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.****14. NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**☐ Customer Number or Bar Code Labelor ☐ New correspondence address below*(Insert Customer No. or Attach bar code label here)*

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ON 3/19/01 today's date, I HAVE RECEIVED, AND PREPARED FOR
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
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Serial No.: 09/108,189

Examining J. Thissel

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 4, 2000 and prior to examination of the above referenced application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

82. (Twice Amended) An introducer sheath device for use during a surgical procedure for introducing surgical components into a vessel into a patient, said introducer sheath device comprising:

a housing having a passageway that accommodates the passage of the surgical components therein;

sealing means for preventing the loss of blood from the vessel during the insertion and subsequent removal of surgical components during the surgical procedure, wherein said sealing means comprises a sealing cavity, wherein said sealing cavity is filled with a